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EXAMINER: T. Nguyen

For: ARRANGEMENTS FOR INCREASING SPUTTER LIFE IN GAS DISCHARGE TUBES

AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME	\$0.00
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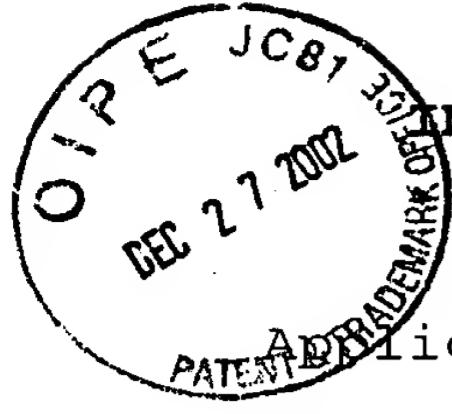
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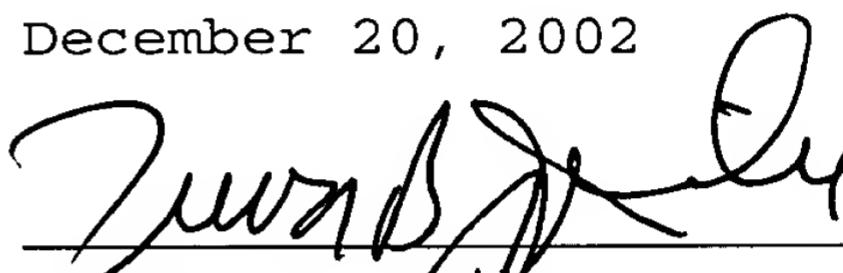
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Dear Sir:

IN THE DRAWINGS

With the concurrence of the Examiner, applicant submits formal drawings herewith. Figure 1 of the formal drawings includes the legend "Prior Art."

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 7 as follows:

--The accumulation of these positively charged ions at the cathode 22 can adversely impact the performance of the ring laser gyroscope 10. For example,